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DECLARATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION,
POWER OF ATTORNEY, DESIGNATION OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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[] was filed on _____, as Application No. _____.

[X] was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on 16 December 2003, and given Application No. PCT/SE2003/006021, the United States of America having been designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I HEREBY CLAIM foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) of §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby appoint the registered attorneys and agents of VENABLE LLP associated with the following customer number to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

WHEREAS Audun OPEM, Myrsletta 21, N-1406 Ski, Norway; Mats GUNNMARKER, Smiuvegen 99, N-0981 Oslo, Norway; and Kai HANSEN, Lysekrenten, N-0383 Oslo, Norway, hereinafter (collectively) referred to as the assignor, has invented certain improvements relating to METHOD TO INCREASE THE SAFETY INTEGRITY LEVEL OF A CONTROL SYSTEM for which said assignor has caused an application for United States Letter Patent to be prepared,

- ☐ the inventor's declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument;
- ☐ said application to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
- ☐ said Non-Provisional application having been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on _____, and given Application Number _____;
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hereinafter referred to as the assignee is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any patents which may be granted therefor, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by said assignee to said assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and to said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in any patents which may be granted therefor, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof; said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and any patents which may be granted therefor, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any such patents when granted, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as the said assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.


AND said assignor hereby agrees to perform, upon the request of said assignee, or said assignee's successors or assigns, any acts relating to the obtaining or to the asserting of said patents, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

AND said assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any divisions and continuations thereof, to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in accordance herewith.

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